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Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	09/955,722
Filing Date	09/18/2001
First Named Inventor	Peterson
Art Unit	2615
Examiner Name	Eugene Lee
Attorney Docket Number	SD-6436.1

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- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☒ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on 08/12/2003

ii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s) Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)

- b. ☐ Other _____

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ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

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Signature	<i>Robert D. Watson</i>	Date	09/24/2003

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE	Large	Entity	Small	Entity	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	Description	Fee	Fee
Code	(S)	Code	(S)	Code	(S)	Code	(S)	Code	(S)	(S)	(S)
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee							
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee							
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee							
1004	750	2004	375	Resubmission filing fee							
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee							

SUBTOTAL (1) \$

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	20**	X	
Independent Claims	3**	X	
Multiple Dependent			

*or number previously paid, if greater; For Refusals, see below.

Large	Entity	Small	Entity	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	Description
Code	(S)	Code	(S)	Code	(S)	Code	(S)	(S)
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20				
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3				
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid				
1204	84	2204	42	**Refuse independent claims over original patent				
1206	18	2205	9	**Refuse claims in excess of 20 and over original patent				

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES	Large	Entity	Small	Entity	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	Description	Fee	Fee
Code	(S)	Code	(S)	Code	(S)	Code	(S)	Code	(S)	(S)	(S)
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath							
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee cover sheet							
1053	130			Non-English specification							
1804	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action							
1605	1,840			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action							
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month							
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month							
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month							930
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month							
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month							
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal							
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal							
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing							
1451	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding							
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable							
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional							
1501	1,300	2501	645	Utility issue fee (or resouse)							
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee							
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee							
1480	130			Petitions to the Commissioner							
1806	160			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt							
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))							
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (see 37 CFR 1.129(b))							
				Other fee (specify) <u>Request for Continuing Exam.</u>							750
				Other fee (specify)							

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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